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The Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology/Association canadienne des infirmières en oncologie (CANO/ACIO) to encourage the government of Canada to seize a leadership opportunity to advance global cancer control efforts at the 2010 global economic summit meeting of G8 and G20 leaders.

Cancer is a global threat to health, quality of life and economic growth. As an international leader in cancer control efforts we believe that Canada is uniquely positioned to influence our distinguished visitors and mobilize a tide of cancer prevention awareness and commitment.

CANO/ACIO supports the suggestion for the government of Canada to consider hosting a panel of international experts at the summit to share knowledge and leadership practices related to cancer prevention. We are aware of a similar request made by the Campaign to Control Cancer in November 2009 and we do believe this opportunity is an important one.

Your own support of a pan-Canadian approach to Cancer Control will be part of the fabric of your legacy in Canada. Cancer nurses across this country have embraced participation in the activities of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC); our support for this initiative is strong. Oncology nurses recognize that it takes an exemplary interdisciplinary team to fuel initiatives like CPAC. The great work of Canadians in this arena is a source of great pride for us.

As CANO/ACIO approaches its 25th anniversary and our National Oncology Nursing Day celebrations on April 6th, we hope you will join us in recognizing the amazing ground breaking work that has been done by Canadian oncology nurses in the effort to reduce the burden of cancer here and around the world.

Thank you for your consideration, we hope you will visit the CANO/ACIO website (www.cano-acio.org) for more information about our organization and we wish you much success as you prepare for the summit meeting.

Sincerely,

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